

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Report of the National Conference of the Brethren Church. Held at Ashland, Ohio, September 3, 4 and 5, 1895.

FIRST SESSION.

In the absence of the President and Vice President J. Allen Miller, Secretary of Conference, declared the Conference convened. After song service led by Prof. King, W. Perry opened the services by prayer.

The following committees were appointed:—On Credentials and Enrollment,—J. O. Talley, C. E. Deffenbaugh, C. E. Haskins.

On Permanent Organization—J. D. McFaden, Kanemorado; J. L. Gillen, Illinois; W. C. Perry, Ind.; A. D. Gnagey, O.; J. C. Cassel, Pa.

On Rules—J. Crawford Mackey, Henry Wise, David Augustine.

During the absence of these committees the time was occupied by singing and remarks by Rev. I. D. Bowman.

Report of Committee on Permanent Organization—W. C. Perry, Moderator; J. M. Tombaugh, Vice Moderator; J. Allen Miller, Secretary; C. F. Yoder, Ass't. Sec.; John Keim, Treasurer. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Rules—1. All members of the Brethren church present during the sessions of this Conference shall be entitled to participate in the discussions, but only delegates to this body shall be entitled to vote.

2. No speaker shall occupy the floor more than twice on the same question, except by permission of Conference.

3. No speech shall exceed 10 minutes, except by permission of Conference.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak until he has addressed the chair and been recognized.

Let the same mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus.

The Committee on Committees was announced as follows:—I. D. Bowman, J. L. Gillen, J. L. Kimmel.

Moved and carried that in the absence of Brother Knepper, Dr. McGregor of Philadelphia, deliver his lecture on Temperance.

The Committee on Credentials made a partial report which was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Chairman of the National Mission Board was made the special business of the day.

The following report was then submitted by Dr. J. E. Roop, of Chicago.

To the National Conference:—We your committee beg leave to submit the follow-

ing report. We have received money as follows:

Pittsburg, Pa.,	\$ 6.80
Ashland, O.,	5.70
North Georgetown, O.,	3.50
Salem church, Ind.,	4.00
Carleton, Neb.,	4.04
Stauffer, Pa.,	1.50
Milledgeville, Ill., (S. S. Children.	2.31
Brooklyn, Ia.,	2.95
Louisville, Ohio,	3.65
Middlebranch, Ohio,	6.05
From a Friend	2.50
Enon, Iowa,	4.25
Dunlaps, Ind.,	2.70
Mt. Pleasant, Ind.,	7.00
Goshen, Ind., (Mt Union church,)	3.50
Bethany, Kan.,	8.80
Total	\$69.25

We have rendered no help during the year, funds were slow coming in and the work was in such a shape that we could only work and wait. During the coming year we trust to do a good work and make a fair report at our next Convention should the Lord so will. Trusting to have your prayers and co-operation we are, yours for success,

DR. J. E. ROOP, PRES.,

J. D. MCFADEN, Sec.,

DAVID AUGUSTINE, Treas.

The report was adopted as read. At this juncture on motion of Brother Cassel the National Mission Board was unanimously reelected.

The Committee on Committees reported as follows:—1. Committee on Resolutions—P. J. Brown, W. W. Summers, J. C. Beal.

2. General Church Work—J. M. Tombaugh, J. O. Talley, J. C. Cassel.

3. Education—J. A. Miller, Jno. Keim, J. C. Mackey.

4. Womens Work—L. E. N. Grossnickle, Mrs. Dr. Beachley, Miss Vina Snyder.

5. Queries—Levi Shirk, Clara Worst, A. S. menaugh.

6. Mission Work—J. D. McFaden, David Augustine, E. E. Haskins.

7. Young People's Work—J. O. Talley, C. F. Yoder, P. M. Swinehart.

8. Temperance—Jesse Calvert, C. E. Deffenbaugh, Helen Frame.

9. Publications—A. D. Gnagey, M. C. Myers, J. B. Wampler.

The report was adopted as read.

On motion the Conference authorized the Sec'y to sign the R. R. certificates.

SECOND SESSION.

An hour was spent in a prayer and praise service, led by W. W. Summers. A very large audience then listened to a

lecture on Temperance, by Rev. Duncan McGregor, D. D., of Philadelphia.

THIRD SESSION.

The Wednesday morning session opened with devotional services, conducted by brother C. F. Yoder.

J. C. Mackey now read a paper already published, upon The Appointment of Pastoral Charges. He then introduced the following resolution.

Resolved, That a commission to consist of five ministers and five lay members shall be chosen by this Conference from its members, which shall make a study of government and discipline, and report a system of expediency for the Brethren church which shall be in agreement with, and subordinate to the word of God. Said report to be made to the next General Conference of the Brethren church, the system if any adopted by said conference shall then be submitted to the local churches for adoption or rejection.

FOURTH SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by J. M. Tombaugh.

The Conference continued the discussion of the resolution introduced by Brother Mackey. Unanimously carried.

J. M. Tombaugh, J. C. Cassel, and Z. T. Livengood, were appointed as a committee to nominate the foregoing commission.

This committee reported as follows:—

Ministers.	Lay Members.
W. C. Perry,	J. C. Cassel, Sec'y.
J. Allen Miller,	J. M. Keim,
J. O. Talley,	Owen Switzer,
J. B. Wampler,	C. Rowland,
J. D. McFaden, Pres.	H. M. Lichty.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Committees reported the following committee on program. J. M. Tombaugh, E. E. Haskins, Z. T. Livengood.

Brother A. D. Gnagey made a verbal report respecting the publication of a hymn book. The matter of publishing said book was referred to the Brethren Book and Tract Committee with instructions to act as their wisdom may dictate.

Ashland University matters were taken up.

EDUCATIONAL TERM.

The Board of Trustees take pleasure in offering this report of A. U. for the school year of 1894-95.

The condition of the running expenses of A. U. are gratifying to the Board of Trustees.

The total enrollment for the year in all departments has been 72 students. This, under circumstances existing at the open-